



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 26, 2016
Schedule 9**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2016

HB 277 Delegate Tarlau, et al

MUNICIPALITIES – AUTHORITY TO SERVE CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY LAWS

Authorizing a specified municipal enforcement officer to serve a citation on behalf of a specified county on a person who the enforcement officer believes is violating or has violated a specified county law, ordinance, or resolution within the municipality or up to one-half mile outside the municipal limits; providing for the manner of service and the contents of the citation; requiring the enforcement officer to retain a copy of the citation and immediately provide a copy of the citation to the governing body of the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 4-112 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 278 Delegate B. Wilson**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ZONES**

Authorizing specified municipal corporations to establish, by local law, a specified contracting authority for the purpose of designating a community revitalization and improvement zone for construction of specified facilities; establishing an application process within the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce for designating a zone; authorizing a municipal corporation to issue specified bonds for the benefit of specified zones; requiring the transfer, from the General Fund, of specified increased tax revenue; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EC, §§ 12-601 through 12-612 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 279 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – ABUSER REGISTRY WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on the status of the implementation of specified recommendations of the Abuser Registry Workgroup; and requiring the Department to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 280 Delegate Moon, et al**BIRTH CERTIFICATES – HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS – PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF FEE**

Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for a certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual; and requiring the Department to accept a signed written statement from a homeless individual as proof of homelessness.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 4-217 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 281 Delegate Smith, et al**EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include veterans and members of the armed forces who have served or are currently serving on active duty for a minimum period of time; altering the eligibility requirements for the Program to include children and spouses of veterans and members of the armed forces who have served or are currently serving on active duty for a minimum period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 15-106.7(b) and 18-601 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 282 Delegate B. Robinson**PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – SMALL BUSINESSES AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – WORKSHOP REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that specified regulations related to the Small Business Preference Program include a requirement that a business participate in a specified workshop or a similar program in order to qualify as a small business; and requiring that specified regulations related to the Minority Business Participation Program include a requirement that a minority business enterprise participate in a specified workshop or similar program in order to be certified.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 14-203 and 14-303(b)(19) and (20) - amended and § 14-303(b)(20) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 283 Delegate Ebersole, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Requiring institutions of higher education that receive State funding to provide a free official transcript once per semester to students who meet specified criteria and once every 5 years to graduates who meet specified criteria.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 15-119 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 284 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**SENIOR APARTMENT FACILITIES – LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY BY PERSON CONVICTED OF CRIME OF VIOLENCE**

Prohibiting under specified circumstances a landlord from renting a unit to an individual convicted of a crime of violence or allowing an individual convicted of a crime of violence to reside in a unit in a senior apartment facility on the same floor on which a vulnerable adult resides; providing for enforcement by the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-217 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 285 Delegate McIntosh, et al**STATE EDUCATION AID – REAL PROPERTY VALUATION – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING**

Requiring the assessed valuation of specified real property used in calculating the wealth of a jurisdiction for purposes of education aid to remain at a specified assessment for a specified period of time under specified circumstances; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, §§ 5-202(a)(3) and 16-305(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 286 Delegates B. Robinson and Jalisi**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – IDENTITY THEFT**

Authorizing a person who was convicted of a crime to file a petition for expungement if the person has an identity theft passport indicating that the crime was actually committed by another using the person's personal identifying information; and authorizing a court to grant a petition for expungement at any time if the person presents an identity theft passport under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 287 Delegate Tarlau, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NEW HORIZONS DISABILITY JOB TRAINING AND RECYCLING CENTER PHASE II**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the New Horizons Disability Job Training and Recycling Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 288 Delegate Moon, et al**ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMPTROLLER – SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL A VACANCY**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller to serve until a successor is elected to fill the remainder of the term, except in specified circumstances; requiring an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a specified date; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. V, § 5 and Art. VI, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 289 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**MEDICAL SCHOOLS – USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING – PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a medical school from using a live or dead animal in the medical education or training of students if alternate methods are used by specified other medical schools in the State; and establishing a penalty for violation of the Act not to exceed \$1,000 for each animal used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 24-401 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 290 Delegate McCray, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP CAREER TRAINING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS (ACTION) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering and renaming the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program to establish the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program; altering the purpose and method for administering the Program; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Program; establishing specified standards under which specified employers may be eligible to receive grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

LE, § 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 291 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – SMALL BUSINESS**

Providing an exemption from personal property tax between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2021, for property purchased on or after July 1, 2016, and owned by specified businesses.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 7-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 292 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking and the appropriate treatment of victims of human trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-207(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 293 Delegate Moon, et al**BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PRACTICING BARBERING OR COSMETOLOGY WITHOUT LICENSE – REPEAL**

Repealing specified criminal penalties for violations of the barbering law and for violations of the cosmetology law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 4-607 and 5-609 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 294 Delegate Stein, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – LAMPS AND LIGHTS – USE WHEN WINDSHIELD WIPERS OPERATING**

Requiring that a driver of a vehicle on a highway use the vehicle's tail lamps when the driver continuously operates the vehicle's windshield wipers due to impaired visibility resulting from unfavorable atmospheric conditions; and repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle's fog lights instead of the vehicle's headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle's windshield wipers under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 22-201.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 295 Delegate Krimm**ELECTRICITY – EXPLANATION OF BILL CHARGES**

Requiring an electric company to provide an explanation of specified charges on a customer's electric bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 296 Delegates Grammer and Metzgar**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VEHICLE NOT USING BRIDGE – TOLL PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging a toll at a toll plaza adjacent to a bridge that is a transportation facilities project for a vehicle that does not traverse the bridge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 297 Delegate Moon, et al**ELECTION LAW – BUSINESS ENTITY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting business entities from making, either directly or indirectly, contributions to campaign finance entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 13-226 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 298 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTION FOR MANUFACTURING PROPERTY – DURATION**

Repealing the 5–year limitation on the maximum duration that a tax exemption for specified manufacturing property in Somerset County may be granted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PLL of Somerset County, Art. 20, § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 299 Delegate Otto**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER**

Establishing a refillable container permit for draft beer in Worcester County; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to holders of a Class B or a Class D license; requiring licensees to complete the form provided by the Board and pay an annual permit fee of \$500; specifying that a refillable container permit holder is allowed to sell draft beer for off-premises consumption in a refillable container under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, § 8-103 - amended and § 8-224.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 300 Delegate Fennell, et al**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS**

Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be deposited into the Education Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-22.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 301 Delegate Malone, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – APPLICATION FEE**

Reducing the maximum application fee that an applicant must pay to the Secretary of State Police for a handgun qualification license from \$50 to \$25.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-117.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 302 Delegates Malone and Sophocleus**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woods Community Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 303 Delegate Malone, et al**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE TARTAN**

Designating a State tartan made up of a plaid reflecting design composed of the colors in the State flag and a specified thread count.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 7-318.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 304 Delegate Sydnor, et al**JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION**

Repealing provisions of law that exclude from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court a child of a specified age alleged to have committed specified offenses; repealing provisions of law governing the transfer of specified criminal cases to the juvenile court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-03(d) - amended and CP, §§ 4-202, 4-202.1, and 4-202.2 - repealed and §§ 10-215(a)(20) and 10-216(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 305 Delegate Smith, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MONITORING CONSUMER BEHAVIOR
AND SHOPPING HABITS – REQUIRED NOTICE**

Prohibiting a merchant from using specified technology to monitor the behavior or shopping habits of a consumer unless the merchant provides a specified notice in a specified manner; providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to specified enforcement and penalty provisions; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 14-1325 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 306 Delegate Smith, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES – VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans who have service-connected disabilities, and spouses of deceased eligible veterans; providing that granting a preference under the Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws; and defining the term “eligible veteran”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 3-714 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 307 Delegate Moon, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
SUBSTANCE – PENALTIES**

Reducing the penalty for possessing or administering a specified controlled dangerous substance from up to 4 years’ imprisonment or a fine of up to \$25,000 to a maximum of 1 year’s imprisonment or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601(c)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 308 Delegates Grammer and Metzgar**DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – OFFICE OF
INFORMATION SYSTEMS – VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**

Requiring the Office of Information Systems in the Department of Legislative Services to make video recordings of meetings of standing committees and audio recordings of floor sessions of the Senate and the House of Delegates; requiring the Office to make each recording available to the public on the General Assembly Web site without charge and, to the extent practicable, within 12 hours after the recording is made; and requiring that a recording be in a specified format.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 2-1232 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations